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SHUKAN POST ARTICLE

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INITIAL SUMMARY OF SIX-PAGE JAPANESE LANGUAGE
SHUKAN POST ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE 23 AUGUST EDITION:

A. (TITLE) FORMER CO OF USS PROVIDENCE OF 7TH FLEET MADE
SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT
INTO JAPAN.

(B. (TEXT) AFTER THEY WERE DENIED AN INTERVIEW WITH
AUTHORITIES OF USFJ AND CNFJ, THEY SUCCEEDED IN A ONE-HOUR
INTERVIEW THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM BETWEEN
MR. YUTAKA HATA (JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF
COUNCILORS) AND RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL LA ROCQUE. LA ROCQUE
STATED IN HIS REPLY THAT AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, ANY SHIPS
CAPABLE OF CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE ALWAYS ARMED WITH
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE THE MAGAZINE POINTE

OUT, USS MIDWAY, USS OKLAHOMA CITY, USS WORDEN, USS PARSONS,
USS GURKE, USS ROWAN, USS ANDERSON AND USS BAUSELL, WHICH

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ARE HOMEPORTED IN YOKOSUKA NOW, AND AIRCRAFT ON BOARD USS
MIDWAY ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING MISSILES OR ROCKETS AREMED

WITH NUCLEAR WAR-HEADS.

C. A REPORTER FROM THE MAGAZINE INTERVIEWED DIRECTOR MARUYAMA OF THE JDA DEFENSE BUREAU; MR. ROSACKER, CHIEF OF MEDIA RELATIONS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO; AND PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN VICE MINISTER YAMADA.

D. MR. ROSACKER STATED: HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER U.S. NAVY SHIPS ARE CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NOR WHERE NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXIST. IT IS A POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT TO COMMENT ON THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

E. MR. MARUYAMA STATED: THE SAFETY OF JAPAN HAS BEEN KEPT BY THE EXISTENCE OF THE U.S. 7TH FLEET AS THE CONVENTIONAL POWER.

F. MR. YAMADA STATED: IT IS A REALITY THAT NUCLEAR POWER DETERS WAR. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR JAPAN TO BELIEVE THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO THE SECURITY TREATY THAN TO QUOTE THE JAPANESE ALLERGY TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

G. LA ROCQUE ALSO EMPHASIZED IN THE INTERVIEW THAT JAPANESE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHECK U.S. NAVY SHIPS VISITING JAPAN TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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